



## MY VIEW

I've been a member of Lifelong Learning at UD for eight years. As an instructor, sometimes chair of several committees, a member of Council, and since last April, Chair of Council, I've been able to study and work with most of our academic programs. I've been amazed and delighted with what I've seen. Thirty-two years of smart planning and dedicated efforts have built a place which offers a wealth of intellectual, physical, and social activities. I am honored to be asked to be Chair of Council and will do all I can to promote and strengthen our programs. I hope each of you enjoy and value our opportunities here as much as I do. The 2012 Summer Session, OLLI at the Ocean in Rehoboth Beach, and the June Lecture Series were all well attended. Our chairs and committees all deserve credit for the excellent work they did for these events and many others.



Our strength and success comes from hundreds of volunteers, especially those who accept leadership positions. They include the hard-working instructors who teach our classes; the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, who organize and lead the 30 committees who do the detailed tasks which have to be done; and those who work on policy matters and broad administrative tasks. I urge all of you to step up and help. Only by pooling our talents, hands, and minds can we keep our lifelong learning community the honored and well-recognized leader it has become.

I must also acknowledge the support we receive from the University of Delaware. All our volunteers receive enthusiastic, strong and continuous support from Osher Manager Basil Maas, and Program Coordinator Carol Bernard, and we rely heavily on the office staff, Joni Bero, Ellen Saienni, Joan McMahon, Kathleen DiCamilla, and Tim Ward for continuing essentials such as registration, record-keeping,

technical support, catalogs and other publications, and financial management. Their constant presence helps keep everything running or ready to run, even when we're "closed" for vacation. Thanks, Basil and Company.

As a move into the future, we now have a new Facebook page, through which we hope to meet new people, as well as keep our members informed and entertained. It is still in an early stage, but we invite you to join and give us your feedback. Look for "Osher Wilmington" in your own Facebook search window and you should see its masthead and be able to click it open.

Finally, if you feel, as I do, that Osher Lifelong Learning gives you more value than you pay for, and you have friends age 50+ who could benefit from membership, invite them to come and see what we have to offer during "Bring A Friend Week." We are glad to show a prospective member around any time. Spread the Good News!

Have a Happy Semester.

Lee Kaser  
Chair, Council

## BRING A FRIEND WEEK – SEPT. 17-21

Share the stimulation of participating in Osher Lifelong Learning! Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to come to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington during "Bring a Friend Week." On Wednesday, Sept. 19, there will be a social in the Lobby with cookies baked by members. Visitors can attend classes, tour the facilities, check out the Reading Room, purchase lunch in the Garden Cafe, or just lounge in the Lobby. Bringing in new members will help ensure that our lifelong learning program can continue to offer an exciting range of classes and activities.

As an incentive for your friends to join this semester, first-time members can register during "Bring a Friend Week" for a fee of \$190 reduced from \$240.

## *Lifelong Learning News*

[www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington/newsletter](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington/newsletter)

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Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the  
newsletter mail box in the Reception Area.

### **HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'LL ANSWER THEM (MOST OF THE TIME)**

Who are we? We are the Reception Desk Volunteers. Where's the Reception Desk? Turn right after you go through the front entrance and you will see a brightly lit area which is usually bustling with activity. Stop at the counter and you will be welcomed warmly. That's a rule! Any question you may have can usually be answered satisfactorily. If we do not have the answer we check with the Office and get back to you.

We are a friendly, fun group that is always looking for new faces to join us. If you are interested in exploring volunteering at the Reception Desk, please leave your name and phone number and I will contact you.

**WELCOME TO OSHER LIFELONG  
LEARNING!**

Mary Ann Dowd, Chair, Reception Desk  
Carol Deroiser, Co-Chair, Reception Desk

### **OLLI NETWORK**

We are part of a network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. You can find out more about these at the OLLI National Resource Center:  
<http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national/>

Our own efforts have been featured in several articles in the Resource Center newsletter on the spring lecture series by Danielle Rice, Executive Director of the Delaware Art Museum on the partnership with UD in presenting the course, "Objects as Cultural Artifacts," and on the cover feature in Vital Magazine.

## **COMPUTER USER SUPPORT**

The University of Delaware requires that all wireless devices be registered prior to use at Arsht Hall. If you have a laptop computer or other wireless device, the Computer User Support Group has been formed to help in the registration process.

The main goal of the group will be to help the membership with wireless registration. The group can also provide guidance on other computer resources and courses.

The volunteers will be available in the Lobby on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the lunch period, 11:45 to 12:30.

Kenneth Mulholland,  
Computer User Support



### **PLEASE WELCOME CHUCK SUTTER**



Chuck Sutter joins the UD team at Osher Lifelong Learning this semester as the part-time AV Media Specialist working Monday through Thursday. Chuck has a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Television, and Film from Temple University and has provided support with lighting and sound at the Bucks County Playhouse. He has worked 10 years as audio visual tech and telecom technical manager for WHYI and 18 years with telecom cabling installations as manager and technician.

Chuck is also a lifelong musician and teacher. His interests include Jazz and Blues guitar and he performs with his own group and local area musicians. In addition, he practices and offers instruction in Aikido and T'ai Chi and enjoys surfing. Last, but not least, he is a proud, first-time grandpa to Samuel Joseph.

## **OLLI AT THE OCEAN.**

The Tuesday through Friday after Memorial Day, 104 Lifelong Learning members and their friends enjoyed another summer enrichment session in Rehoboth Beach. Most (87) opted for the full program with dinner, and 16 used one of the “no dinner” options. 45% of the participants were first time attendees and almost everyone gave the week a very positive evaluation. We had an excellent program of eight talks. Highly rated were the sessions on *Recent Supreme Court Decisions*, *Effects of Financial Actions*, *Mark Twain*, *Stem Cell Research*, and *Haunted Lighthouses*.

The Brighton Suites was a comfortable base. Our schedule allowed for beach time, strolls on the boardwalk, visits to the outlets and just plain loafing. Breakfasts, as always, were highlight but dinner buffets were varied and enjoyable. The social hour offered the opportunity to mingle. and is a great time to meet and get to know new people. Van transportation was provided between Arsh Hall and Rehoboth and six folks took advantage of this new service. Thursday afternoon we had some excitement. The water main broke in front of the hotel. partially flooding the garage.. Beverages for that night’s dinner were limited to coffee, ice-tea and wine (no water) — we suffered. The city did a wonderful job and our water was back on line before 9 p.m. OLLI at the OCEAN 2012 was a great success.

Chuck Hober, Chair  
Linda Forte, Co-Chair

## **OLLI AT THE OCEAN 2013**

OLLI at the OCEAN will again present an intellectually stimulating program, May 28-31, 2013. The program takes place at the Brighton Suites one block from Rehoboth’s main street and one block from the board walk. All rooms are suites with TV, sleeping couch, refrigerator and microwave oven; and a separate bedroom with TV, king size bed or two double beds and a bathroom.

The program provides eight lectures with topics ranging from serious discussions on science, finance, history, art and medical innovations to musical entertainment. Dinners and breakfast are provided at Brighton Suites. Lunch time provides opportunity to visit the many fine eateries in Rehoboth. There will be a cocktail hour each evening at 5:00 p.m. Ample free time

is available to walk the boardwalk, sun on the beach, visit the outlets or just hang out.

Applications and program details will be available after Thanksgiving. Join us.

Gene McCord, Chair

## **JUNE LECTURE SERIES (JLS)**

JLS co-chairs Lynda Hastings and Bob Brereton are very happy with the turn out and success of the 2012 June Lecture Series held June 4 to 8. There were 115 members and some non-members who signed up for the lectures. We have had great feedback from the evaluations that many attendees completed. Evaluation forms rated not only our speakers and performers, but also how the JLS was organized, structured and the food and beverage presentation, etc. 80% of our speakers/performers got very favorable scores on the evaluation forms. Also we can't say enough about our JLS volunteers who worked very hard and are responsible for much of this JLS success. The good news is that most volunteers are remaining with us for the 2013 JLS.

Bob Brereton  
Co-Chair, June Lecture Series

## **REGISTRATION**

The 2012 fall registration went exceedingly well. Thirty five members volunteered for the seven days, five of them volunteering for the first time. I understand that we came close to meeting the target membership goal and we still have second registration and drop/add at the end of August. The 10 a.m. start allowed the Office staff to start their day with routine tasks before managing the busy registration work. Volunteering is a wonderful way for all of us to get to know one another better, making the Osher experience so much more meaningful.

Sylvia Bachman  
Chair, Registration

*The Office and members salute these volunteers for their efforts.*

## SUMMER SESSION 2012

Summer Session 2012 started July 10 with nearly 370 students attending 46 courses and two extra-curricular activities. The magic was created by dedicated instructors, some of whom taught two courses! There were many folks new to Osher Lifelong Learning; some were teachers with the summer off to pursue new learning adventures and many were seasoned students with a thirst for knowledge and fun.

Here is a sampling of various reactions to the course offerings. Space limits what can be included, but just ask anyone who attended summer session and you will be dazzled by the comments. Join us next summer as we strive for more courses and extracurricular sessions and more fun than you can imagine! Extracurricular courses included one relating to the Road Scholar program which ignited a feeling of wanderlust for some members to travel with this group for educational endeavors. The course on aircraft carriers was well received and brought back memories of serving aboard ships for some of our members.

Crawford MacKeand taught the Chocolate course which included samples brought in by the class members and who said that there is a time to eat chocolate? The course included where cocoa comes from and the processes by which chocolate is made (surprisingly the United States is not in the top five countries for consumption of chocolate). In James Thompson's class on the *Golden Age of Illustration*, the students learned that there was a definite psychology involved in much illustration enticing the viewer to buy a product or share in a patriotic idea, such as in the time of war. The jewelry class was well received with members trying their hand at making items for their collection. In my class, *Stars on Stage and in the Heavens*, the students were caught rocking and rolling in their seats after listening to Diana Ross and Madonna. During the Astronomy portion, a lively discussion of the possibility of life outside our solar system provided the students with food for thought, along with videos on various topics associated with the universe. Several students not only wanted to buy telescopes but wanted a higher level course presented in the future.

Thanks again to all the instructors who gave of themselves to promote a fun and educational summer session for our members. And a special

thank you to the office staff for assisting in creating a wonderful atmosphere for us.

On a clearly positive note there were teachers who cannot normally come to Osher Lifelong Learning during the school year, but had a great time here during summer session. These folks are the future of our program and want to teach when they retire - but who really ever retires anyway?

See you next year! Start thinking of a course you would like to propose to teach in **Summer 2013**.

Carolyn A. Stankiewicz  
Chair, Summer Session 2012

## OSHER HONORS THE MEMORY OF DR. TRABANT

Osher Lifelong Learning honors the memory of E.A. Trabant and his role in the birth of lifelong learning at UD. Dr. Trabant, UD's 22nd and 24th president, passed away on July 20.

Dr. Trabant's vision was to expand the University mission to cover a wide range of Delaware citizens including lifelong learners. According to Bert Spivey, first Council president, Trabant said to UD Vice-President Murray: "We need to give some thought for people who have reached retirement age in Wilmington who have interests we should be helping to maintain. And I wish you'd give some serious thought to this. It has to be something different from what the University does and it has to be something special." And Osher Lifelong Learning is something special!



Dr. Trabant honors Charles Blake, and the steering committee that planned the Academy of Lifelong Learning along with UD representatives, Louis Conner (shown) and Nancy Aldrich.



Sat., Oct. 13 Gettysburg  
 Sat., Nov. 3 NY "Nice Work if You Can Get It"  
 Sat., Nov. 10 Barnes Foundation/Reading Terminal  
 Tues., Dec. 11 – Thurs., Dec. 13 Christmas at  
 Mohonk Mountain House  
 Tues., Dec. 18 Radio City Christmas Show  
 Thurs., Jan. 10 – Sat., Jan. 19, 2013  
 Hawaiian Adventure

Visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday  
 through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
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**NOTES FROM UD PUBLIC SAFETY**

Welcome back! I would like to remind all Lifelong Learning members that the campus speed limit is ONLY 10 MPH. PLEASE, slow down and come to a COMPLETE stop at the STOP sign by the white building across from Arsh, yielding to all pedestrians on campus. Handicap space users: please remember that Federal guidelines require that an appropriately dated Handicap placard or license plate MUST be displayed when parked in a designated permanent or temporary handicap parking only space. UD's Wilmington Campus has more than three times the number of handicap spaces required by law.

Thank you.  
 Dennis Anderson, UD Constable

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

We have a far reaching, informative and entertaining Outreach Program here at Osher Lifelong Learning. We currently have 18 musical groups and 9 speakers who present programs in nursing homes, retirement centers and civic organizations in four states in about 70 venues. If you have an interesting topic, or you have formed a new musical group and you would like to share your program with the community, please let me know. Conversely, if you no longer wish to continue in this worthwhile endeavor, please let me know. I will be sending out an updated list of OLLI Outreach Program Participants in October to about 70 activities directors. Thank you. Ellie Munson, OLLI Outreach Program Chair (302-478-7284) or ([elliemunson@verizon.net](mailto:elliemunson@verizon.net)).

**THIS CRAZY QUILT**

No matter what the name, the Academy or Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, this crazy quilt of ours is a living entity with a life of its own. Each piece is unique. Vibrant colors of the past, bold patterns of intellect, artistry and a wide range of life experiences become joined together to serve one purpose, the common good. The fine stitching of leadership takes these disparate pieces of our journey, and creates extraordinary opportunities for our members to learn, play and serve. In case you wonder what might be the secret of our exquisite crazy quilt, look no further than the host of volunteers who take delight in serving this community with their time, talents and expertise.

Become one of the volunteers who invest in the future of this place. Sign up to be a volunteer at the Reception Desk in the Lobby. Know that you will become one of the unique pieces of fabric that sustains this shining academic cooperative. Take joy!  
 Volunteer today!

Bobbette Mason  
 Co-Chair, Volunteer Development with Lucie Shader

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Mentoring at schools in the Brandywine School District and Newark High School.  
 Contact: [www.creativementoring.org](http://www.creativementoring.org).

**CALLING ALL COURSE PROPOSALS**

Believe it or not, just when the fall semester starts, so starts the process of soliciting for spring semester and summer session 2013 course proposals. Thanks to all who give so generously of their time and talent to teach. This fall, one of the biggest semesters, offers 248 courses and 21 extracurricular activities.

Course proposals for Spring 2013 are accepted **September 24 through October 15**. First call for Summer Session 2013 course proposals is October 29 through November 21. Both spring and summer course proposal forms are available in the Office and online at [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm) under Instructors. I look forward to receiving yours!

Carol Bernard  
 Program Coordinator



## Schedule of Events



### SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

Join us each Wednesday for Special Events that will surely enrich your day. These programs are for all members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. You can buy your lunch, bring your lunch or just come and enjoy.

September 5 – **Swing City Band**, Elmer Dill  
The Swing City Band under the direction of Elmer Dill will kick off our Special Events Wednesdays series with a stirring musical program. Our own Ann Morris will be the soloist on vocals.

September 12 – **Delaware Aviation History**, Frank Ianni, General Chairman, Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame

September 19 – **The Science of Climate Change – Why is it Occurring and its Impact on Delaware**, Chad Tolman, Osher Lifelong Learning member

September 26 – No Program, Yom Kippur

October 3 – **In search of Amelia Earhart: Trip in the Pacific, July 2012**, Richard Gillespie, The International Group for Historic Aviation Recovery (TIGHAR)

October 10 – **Faithful Friends Animal Society**, Delaware no-kill animal shelter and animal-related social services.

### SOCIALS

Take a break and meet fellow members for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation at one or more of our socials of the semester. The socials take place Wed., Sept. 19, Thurs., Oct. 18, and Tues., Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. If you can volunteer to make cookies for any of these events, please sign up at the Reception Desk.

### PROFESSOR RAY CALLAHAN WAR IN HISTORY BEGINS OCTOBER 5 FRIDAY, 12:30-1:45 P.M., ROOM 108



This special lecture series explores the impact of war on every facet of society. The series continues through Friday, December 7. Registration is not required as the lectures are open to all members and the public. Bring a friend to hear Dr. Callahan, a popular speaker and recognized expert.

### GARDEN SPEAKERS

Members are invited to attend individual programs of interest. The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room 108.

- 9/4 **Ferns** Barbara Aldinger
- 9/11 **Gardens of New Zealand** Richard Lyon
- 9/18 Kim Kostas, Food Bank of Delaware
- 9/25 **Extracting Late Season Color from the Border with Herbaceous Perennials** Robert Lyons
- 10/2 Plant Share

### CALENDAR

#### 2012

- Mon., Oct. 15.. Spring course proposals due
- Tues., Nov. 6 .....Election Day  
..... OFFICE CLOSED, NO CLASSES
- Thur., Nov. 22,-Fri., Nov. 23....Thanksgiving  
..... OFFICE CLOSED, NO CLASSES
- Fri., Dec. 7..... Fall semester ends

#### 2013

- Mon., Feb. 4 ..... Spring semester begins
- March 25-29 ... Spring Break, NO CLASSES
- Fri., May 10 ..... Spring semester ends